

Tech Academy

Information booklet 2026



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Empowering School Technology Leaders. Secure. Compliant. Future-Ready.

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1. Introduction: What is the Tech Academy?

The Tech Academy is a specialised professional development programme designed to equip school technology leaders with the strategic knowledge and practical skills required to manage modern educational IT infrastructures.

In an environment of sustained cyber threats and evolving compliance demands, the role of the IT professional has shifted from operational support to strategic leadership. Our academy provides the targeted training necessary to navigate this complex domain, enabling you to build and maintain a secure, efficient, and resilient digital ecosystem for your school. We believe in empowering technology leaders to move beyond reactive problem-solving and become architects of your institution's digital future.

2. Who should attend?

The Tech Academy is structured for professionals responsible for the strategic management and operational integrity of a school's IT systems. If you hold a key technology role, this programme is designed to enhance your capabilities and leadership.

Ideal candidates include:

- Technical Directors
- IT Directors and Managers
- System Administrators
- Network Managers
- IT Team Leaders
- School staff with significant IT management responsibilities

This programme provides the tools and strategic insights to help you excel in your role, whether you are managing a small team or overseeing a complex, multi-campus infrastructure.



3. Why is regular upskilling critical?

The traditional model of one-off training is no longer sufficient to address the challenges facing school IT departments. A continuous approach to upskilling is a strategic imperative for institutional resilience and success.

Key strategic benefits include:

- **Staying ahead of evolving threats:** Cyber attacks are becoming more sophisticated, with AI-driven phishing and social engineering campaigns targeting staff. Regular training ensures your team can identify and mitigate these advanced threats before they cause a breach.
- **Ensuring robust compliance:** Data protection regulations like GDPR are not static. Continuous learning keeps your team informed of changes, ensuring school policies and technical controls remain compliant and auditable.
- **Improving operational efficiency:** A well-trained team operates more effectively. Upskilling reduces errors, streamlines processes, and frees up valuable time for your IT department to focus on strategic improvements rather than constant troubleshooting.
- **Maximising technology investments:** Your school invests significantly in its EdTech platforms. Proper training ensures these systems are configured securely, integrated correctly, and utilised to their full potential, delivering a greater return on investment.



4. What is included?

The 2025/26 programme is a comprehensive, multi-faceted course designed to provide both theoretical knowledge and practical, hands-on application. Your enrolment provides access to a full suite of resources to empower your team.

Monthly Online Training Courses

Attendees will participate in monthly online courses delivered by industry experts. Each session focuses on a critical area of school technology management.

Core topics include:

- Cyber Awareness & Human Risk
- Security Standards & Compliance
- Network & Infrastructure Security
- Vulnerability & Patch Management
- Backup & Recovery Resilience
- Audit & Assurance Best Practice
- + Three additional modules to be selected by the cohort

Dedicated Consultancy Access

Beyond the structured curriculum, you gain direct access to a dedicated consultant. This provides personalised, strategic support tailored to your school's specific needs.

- Over 10 hours of dedicated consultancy time.
- Work directly on the areas that require immediate attention in your school.
- Receive expert guidance on system upgrades, policy development, incident response planning, and more.

CPD Certification

Upon successful completion of the programme, attendees will receive a CPD (Continuing Professional Development) certification, formally recognising their enhanced skills and commitment to professional excellence. This provides tangible evidence of your investment in staff development.



5. Programme delivery & schedule

The Tech Academy is designed for the busy professional, offering a flexible and accessible learning format that minimises disruption to your daily responsibilities.

- **Format:** All training courses are delivered online through live, interactive sessions.
- **Frequency:** One core training module is delivered each month, allowing for deep dives into specific topics without overwhelming participants.
- **Schedule:** Sessions are scheduled to accommodate different time zones, with recordings made available for all attendees.
- **Resources:** Participants receive access to a dedicated online portal containing all course materials, session recordings, and supplementary resources.
- **Consultancy:** Your dedicated consultancy hours can be scheduled at your convenience to address pressing projects and strategic questions.

Date/Time	Course Title
Jan. 14, 2026	Cyber awareness audit and best practice
Feb. 18, 2026	Vulnerability management implementation
Mar. 18, 2026	Server infrastructure audit and best practice
Mar. 25, 2026	Optional module (to be selected by cohort)
Apr. 15, 2026	Backup systems audit and best practice
Apr. 22, 2026	Optional module (to be selected by cohort)
May 20, 2026	Update and patch management implementation
May 27, 2026	Optional module (to be selected by cohort)



6. Enrolment & further information

Secure your place in the Tech Academy! Empower your team and future-proof your school's IT infrastructure.

Enrolments are now open for the January 2026 intake. Places are limited to ensure a high-quality, interactive experience for all participants.

[Enrol today!](#)

[Click here](#) to register your interest and start the enrollment process. After you complete the form, one of our team will be in contact to refine the details and confirm your place.

[More info](#)

For more information, please [click here](#) to contact our team for either a call or we will assist with any question you have.



The Tech Academy was instrumental in helping us re-evaluate our entire security posture. The combination of structured training and direct access to an expert consultant gave us the confidence and clarity to make significant, positive changes.



IT Director, 2024/25 Tech Academy Participant

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